Telephone on recommendation of MPs

545. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to provide at least one new telephone connection to subscribers on the recommendation of the Members of Parliament with the limitation that at least one new connection will be given every month on the recommendation of the one M.P.; and

(b) if so, by when Government proposes to take decision and announce the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

रेल डाक सेवा

546. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों के राष्ट्रीय महासंघ ने रेल डाक सेवा को समाप्त करके इस डाक सेवा का हिस्सा बनाने के सरकारी प्रस्ताव का विरोध किया है और यह भी मांग की है कि पत्रों की छंटाई का सेक्शन भी फिर खोला जाये जिससे वितरण व्यवस्था ठीक हो सके ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा शीरे की मांग

547. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) शक्कर वर्ष 1984-85 में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने भारत सरकार से कितने टन शीरे के आवंटन की मांग की है ;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस मांग की पूर्ति कर दी है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रसायन और पेट्रो-रसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०के० जयचन्द्र सिंह) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने पिछले अलकोहल वर्ष 1984-85 (दिसम्बर 1984-नवम्बर 1985) के दौरान अन्य राज्यों से 1.80 लाख टन शीरे के आवंटन के लिए कहा था ।

(ख) और (ग) चूंकि देश में शीरे की उपलब्धि अपर्याप्त थी, अतः मांग को आंशिक रूप से पूरा करने के लिए महाराष्ट्र से 24,300 टन का आवंटन किया गया ।

Allotment of industrial alcohol to Madhya Pradesh

548. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested for the allotment of industrial alcohol to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the demand has been met; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the supply of alcohol is insufficient to meet the

demand in the country during current alcohol year 1985-86 (Dec. 1985-November, 1986) a quantity of 19.39 lakh litres has been allocated for the present to Madhya Pradesh for being supplied from a surplus State to meet a part of their demand. Further in order to improve the availability of alcohol, Government is permitting duty free import of industrial alcohol (denatured) to industrial units in the States including Madhya Pradesh.

Production of life saving drugs

549. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the public sector undertakings engaged in production of life saving drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that their production has decreased during the last two years; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to increase their production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The following five public sector undertakings are engaged in production of life saving drugs:

1. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited.

2. Hindustan Antibiotics Limited.

3. Bengal Immunity Limited.

4. Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited.

5. Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited.

(b) A compartive statement showing their production during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 is attached. (*See* below)

(c) In-house task forces were constituted in December, 1985 by each of the public sector drug undertakings to identify the constraints and opportunities and to come out with concrete plans ofr rehabilitation and revival including technology upgradation and measures needed to tone up performance. In order to catalyse the functioning of these teams two consultants were associated by these companies with the task forces on part time basis. The task forces have not yet completed their studies.

Statement

(*In* Rs./*crores*)

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86 (Provisional)
Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited	117·74	117·35	120·99
Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.	34·60	40·82	41·64
Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited	9·96	11·35	10·03
Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	8 01	9·77	8·53
Bengal Immunity Limited	8·15	8·59	7·84